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NEW SUBSIDY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new subsidy scheme for inland water transport sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide infrastructural facilities in three national waterways;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the fund allocated by IWAI in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With an aim to reduce capital burden on prospective Inland Water Transport (IWT) entrepreneur, thereby enhancing their profitability and making IWT tariff competitive, an Inland Vessel Building Subsidy Scheme has recently been approved by the Government. The scheme will come into effect from 1.4.2002 and remain in force for a period of 5 years. The Inland Vessel Building Subsidy Scheme would be applicable to both cargo & passenger inland Vessels meant for operation on National Waterways.The subsidy will be available only for vessels acquired by an Indian inland water transport entrepreneur from a shipyard in India.The subsidy payable under this scheme would be equal to 30% of the ex-factory price of the inland vessel.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad, the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Udyogmandal and Champakkara canals have been declared as national waterways.Provision of infrastructure such as navigational channels, terminals at select locations and navigational aids form part of the development schemes for the national waterways.

(e) Funds for development of national waterways are provided to Inland Waterways Authority of India by the Government. During 2001-02, IWAI was allocated Rs.34.23 crore for development of National Waterways.